

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST as of April 15, 2016

Date	Request By	Request	Description	Status	Staff Contact	Action
4/5/2016	Chavira	Request for staff to research the city travel policies	CM Chavira would like staff to research city travel policies, look at what other cities are doing and see if we match up. CM Chavira would like staff to report the findings at a future workshop.	Pending	Vicki Rios	Pending staff action
3/15/2016	Aldama	Request for staff to research dumping in alleys	CM Aldama would like staff to research and report back regarding the issue of dumping in alleys especially in Ocotillo District. CM Aldama would also like staff to research citizen participation in closing alleys and how it would affect the city.	Pending	Jack Friedline	Pending staff action
3/1/2016	Turner	Acknowledgement of former councilmember Phil Lieberman's tenure	CM Turner would like the city to acknowledge former councilmember Phil Lieberman's tenure as a councilmember and his contributions to the city to keep his memory alive.	Pending	Erik Strunk	A meeting is being calendared with CM Turner and his staff to discuss possible ideas.
3/1/2016	Aldama	Request for staff to research homeless activity in downtown Glendale	CM Aldama would like staff to research and report on the increase in homeless activity throughout Glendale but especially in downtown Glendale. There have been several recent incidents and CM Aldama would like staff to research and report back.	Pending	Erik Strunk	Community Services Department staff are currently partnering with the ASU – School of Urban Affairs to develop an integrated assessment of Glendale's current initiatives for homeless intervention/prevention. This includes meetings with various outside and internal stakeholders and includes the members of the Community Development Advisory Committee. The intent is to return to Council later this spring/early summer with findings and recommendations. Concerns about homelessness in the City Center area will be addressed as a part of a larger strategy.

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3/1/2016	Turner	Request for staff to research creative ideas to brand the city in the City Hall lobby areas	CM Turner would like staff to research innovative and creative ideas to redo the City Hall first floor lobby and fourth floor lobby areas. CM Turner would like to see department awards, photo collages, etc. that would promote and brand the city instead of the sports only based items.	Pending	Laurie Sapp and Jack Friedline	Pending staff action
1/19/2016	Malnar	Request for an overview on the roles and responsibilities of the members of Boards and Commissions	CM Malnar would like staff to research what the roles and responsibilities are for current Boards and Commissions members and whether the City Charter and current statute ordinances apply.	Scheduled for May 3rd Workshop	Michael Bailey	The City Attorney will present information on this topic at the City Council's May 3rd Workshop meeting.
1/19/2016	Tolmachoff	Request for staff to research Boards and Commissions rules and procedures	CM Tolmachoff would like staff to research if there is a reason in the Charter, Code or Guidelines why a commissioner cannot serve on two Boards and Commissions and are we currently following the rules? Is there any rule to prevent someone from serving more than 2 two-year terms?	Scheduled for May 3rd Workshop	Michael Bailey	The City Attorney will present information on this topic at the City Council's May 3rd Workshop meeting.
3/1/2016	Turner	Request for Council Comments be added to workshop agendas	CM Turner would like an opportunity for councilmembers to add Council Comments on the agenda summary for workshop meetings.	Pending	Brent Stoddard	Pending staff action
3/1/2016	Hugh	Request to update city street entryways	VM Hugh would like to see the three tier street entryways to the city revitalized. One tier was knocked down eight years ago.	Pending	Jack Friedline	Pending staff action
2/16/2016	Aldama	Request for staff to research additional signage placement along Grand Avenue	CM Aldama would like staff to research additional signage placement to indicate welcome to downtown Glendale, welcome to Catlin Court, etc. along the northern and southern direction of Grand Avenue and when driving east/west. CM Aldama stated there should be additional signage to encourage traffic to visit downtown businesses.	Pending future workshop	Jack Friedline	A memorandum response was sent to Council on April 4, 2016. This item will be brought to a future workshop.
2/16/2016 and 03/01/2016	Hugh	Request for staff to research new signage placement for parking in downtown Glendale	VM Hugh would like staff to research changing the two hour parking signs to Welcome to Glendale - free parking, or similar signage in the downtown Glendale area. VM Hugh brought this topic up again at the 0301 Workshop and would like staff to respond.	Pending	Jack Friedline	Pending staff action

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1/19/2016	Aldama	Request for staff to draft a beautification plan	CM Aldama would like staff to present a beautification plan for the downtown and Catlin Court areas that would include planters on sidewalks with a wildflower mix. CM Aldama would also like staff to research whether the gas lamp light poles could be repainted the same green color that was used several years ago. CM Aldama would also like the downtown and Catlin Court areas to be on a regular maintenance schedule to keep the areas clean especially after special events. CM Aldama is also requesting the clock be painted that is located at 58th Avenue and Glendale Avenue on the NW corner.	Pending	Jon Froke and Jean Moreno	Cross-departmental project team has been assembled and task list has been developed; research is currently underway. Awaiting quotes for services.
9/15/2015	Hugh	Request to develop a plan to make better use of the Civic Center	VM Hugh is requesting city staff take a new look at the Civic Center to get more use of the facility to benefit the city and citizens. VM Hugh would like staff to come back with a proposal that could include a reduction of fees to be more competitive with other facilities.	Pending	Erik Strunk	Staff is working with the new City Manager to assess the current business model of the Civic Center and all related policies and fees. It is anticipated that staff will return to the Council within three months with the results of the assessment and recommendations.
5/19/2015	Hugh	Request to revisit two hour parking	VM Hugh would like staff to revisit the two hour parking ordinance.	Pending	Jack Friedline	Staff met with VM Hugh to discuss the two hour parking issue. Staff will do follow-up work and schedule a work session item to gain direction from City Council. Staff is in the process of completing follow up work. A memorandum response has been drafted for management review and should be finalized shortly.

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9/1/2015	Aldama	Request to create a new commission.	CM Aldama is requesting the city develop a diversity commission (commission on diversity).	Pending additional future workshop	Jim Brown	Scheduled for November 17th workshop. Council provided direction to move forward on a commission on Diversity and Human Relations. Human Resources staff will bring back an outline of what that the commission will be responsible for, commission structure, etc. Scheduled for February 2nd workshop. Council consensus was received to bring this CIOSI item back to a future workshop to present a sample draft ordinance, additional information regarding the number of persons on the commission and where the persons should originate.
3/17/2015	Turner	Request for review of the Westgate media center for library services	This is follow-up to a request made by Councilmember Turner at the March 17, 2015 Council workshop requesting staff analysis as to the feasibility of using a portion of the City of the Glendale Media Center (located at 9494 West Maryland Avenue) for a possible western area branch library. The purpose of this item will be to provide an initial overview of this concept and receive further direction from the City Council.	Pending FY 16-17 city budget process discussion	Erik Strunk	Presented at October 20th Workshop. Council directed staff to further analyze and develop conceptual (visual) depictions of the following two possible options: a) possible use of the media center; b) possible use of prefabricated/modular buildings at Heroes Regional Park. Staff will work on this and prepare this information as part of the upcoming FY 16-17 city budget process.

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12/02/2014, 01/06/2015, 05/19/2015 and 10/06/2015	Sherwood	Add an ordinance to the City Code pertaining to non-discrimination	CM Sherwood is requesting staff review whether an ordinance can be added to the City Code regarding city relations and to pass a non-discrimination ordinance. CM Sherwood stated this would send a strong message on discrimination and show goodwill especially with the upcoming Super Bowl. CM Sherwood also inquired about a Human Resources ordinance and Human Resources Commission. At the December 2 workshop, CM Sherwood requested agenda item #3 (Discussion of Non-Discrimination Ordinance and Human Relations Commission) be brought back to a future workshop.	Scheduled for May 3rd Workshop	Jennifer Campbell and Karen Kurtz (outside facilitator)	Presented at the May 19 workshop. Council direction was for four meetings total (three public and one meeting for businesses). Request to move the first two meetings proposed for June 3 and June 4 to the end of July and make one of them a Saturday meeting. Request to bring back the results of the public meetings to October 6 Workshop. Staff will bring back to Council examples of other city's anti-discrimination ordinances as well as a draft ordinance for Council input at a workshop. This item is scheduled for the May 3rd Workshop.
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1/19/2016	Hugh	Request for staff to research Westgate lake/fountain costs	VM Hugh would like staff to research and bring back to a future workshop, how much it cost the city to construct the lake/fountain on Glendale Avenue that was deeded over to Westgate, what the city received in return for deeding the lake/fountain to Westgate and whether art money was used for construction.	Completed	Jennifer Campbell	A memorandum response was sent to Council on March 15, 2016.
3/1/2016	Turner	Request for staff to research the fire inspection fee structure	CM Turner would like staff to research the fire inspection fee structure that is based on revenue producing model rather than a cost recovery model structure. CM Turner said this is cumbersome, not fair to businesses with different categories for large and small businesses and not transparent. CM Turner would like to see if the same fee structure used for burglar alarms could be implemented.	Completed	Terry Garrison	A memorandum response was sent to Council on April 12, 2016.

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9/15/2015 and 01/05/2016	Aldama	Request to develop a broader plan on vacant properties	During the September 15, 2015 workshop, CM Aldama requested city staff develop a broader plan to address the condition of vacant properties citywide. During the January 5, 2016 workshop, CM Aldama asked staff to bring back information on how to create a specific plan to address the vacant property issue, citywide and more specifically in the Ocotillo District, that is causing blight.	Completed	Sam McAllen	Scheduled for December 1st workshop. Council direction was received to bring this item back to a future workshop and provide additional information on staffing, establishing a volunteer program and other options. Staff presented information on this topic at the City Council's March 15th Workshop meeting. Council consensus was received to bring forward an ordinance for Council consideration at a future voting meeting.
1/5/2016	Tolmachoff	Request for staff to research costs	CM Tolmachoff would like staff to come up with a dollar amount that the Glendale taxpayers have invested to ensure the success of the Coyotes. What is the total investment and commitment from the taxpayers, the offset in revenues including arena management?	Completed	Tom Duensing	A memorandum response was sent to Council on April 15, 2016.